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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998) and 1203 (1998) of the Security Council (S/1998/1068)

The situation in Africa (S/1998/318, S/1998/1090 and S/1998/1091)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	62nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/53/219) [48].

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/53/L.34) [37].

(continued overleaf)

3. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2).

3 p.m.	63rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: draft resolution (A/53/L.16) [59].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84] (A/53/136 and Add.1*, A/53/259, A/53/260, A/53/264, A/53/660, A/53/661, A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84] (A/53/136 and Add.1*, A/53/259, A/53/260, A/53/264, A/53/660, A/53/661, A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20)

2. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83] (A/C.4/53/L.9 to L.15)

* To be issued

SECOND COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.35 (Cultural development) (item 93 (g)); A/C.2/53/L.13 (Economies in transition) (item 93 (b)); A/C.2/53/L.7 (Corruption and bribery) (item 92 (a)); and A/C.2/53/L.14 (Globalization and liberalization of the world economy) (item 93 (d))

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.57 and L.58

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.28 and L.29

3. Report of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

Action of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.53

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.35, L.39, L.41 and L.49

5. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.47, L.59 and L.60

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [117]

Reports on United Nations sales publications (A/51/946, A/52/685 and A/53/669)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/507, A/51/946, A/52/685 and A/53/669))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations of agenda item 121 (United Nations pension system (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/3, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1

Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.9/Rev.1

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.16

Status of Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [146]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [148]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.19 and Corr.1 (French only)

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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

* Following the consideration in the 62nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly of agenda item 48 (Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal).

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 19 November 1998

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

9.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, organized by the delegation of Austria, *today*, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal presentation

There will be a presentation by Dr. Mário Soares, former President of Portugal and current Chairman of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, on the activities of the Commission and on its report entitled "The Oceans...Our Future". The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, will take place *today*, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All interested delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. A briefing for non-governmental organizations will be held *today* from 3.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

GROUP OF 77
(Bali Declaration and Plan of Action on regional and sub-regional economic cooperation)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Symposium

A symposium on a Universal Networking Language (an electronic language accessible to Internet users and compatible with standard network servers), organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies of the United Nations University, will be held *today*, 19 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH) will be held *today*, 19 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) will be held *today*, 19 November 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 20 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	64th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	65th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: draft resolution (A/53/L.16) [59].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work))* on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

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Informal briefings

In connection with the work of the Intergovernmental Forum of Forests (IFF), an informal briefing by the delegations of Costa Rica and Canada on their intersessional initiative in support of Category III of the programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum (International arrangements and mechanisms to promote management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests) will be held on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing on the informal consultations held on guidelines for sustainable consumption by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea will hold a briefing on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on Monday, 23 November 1998, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "*World Development Report 1998/99*: Knowledge for Development" on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [149]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Australia, Mozambique, Ukraine, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and Solomon Islands. The observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

The Chairperson of the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law made an oral report on the work undertaken by the Working Group and introduced draft resolutions A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1 and A/C.6/53/L.14. The Chairman orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.14.

The representative of Denmark orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1 (as orally amended) without a vote.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Egypt orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the financial implications of the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1 (as orally amended) without a vote.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Lesotho introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.16 on the item.

33rd meeting

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [152]

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the Committee's report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Malaysia, the Russian Federation, China, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.13

The representative of Cyprus introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.13. He also announced that China, France, Malaysia, Senegal and the United Kingdom had joined the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.13.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.13 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

United Nations Decade of International Law [149]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced oral amendments to draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12 was adopted without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.14

Statements in explanation of position were made by representatives of Cuba and Lebanon before the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.14.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.14, as orally amended at the 32nd meeting, was adopted without a vote.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of United Kingdom, France, Sweden, the United States, Japan and Australia after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [146]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17 and announced that Chile had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman and the representatives of the United States and the Russian Federation spoke.

Wednesday, 18 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

61st plenary meeting

Bethlehem 2000 : draft resolution (A/53/L.37) [157]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 157.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.37.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Malta, Malaysia, Afghanistan, Cuba, Cyprus, Swaziland, Norway, Yemen, Egypt and Peru.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier during the meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

In connection with draft resolution A/53/L.37, the General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of its rules of procedure.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.37 as orally revised (resolution 53/27).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The observer of Palestine made a statement

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 157.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20 and A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.20.

The representative of Guatemala made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.22/Rev.2.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway and India.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 22nd meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Guam (A/53/23 (Part VIII), chapter 12, para. 9)

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee of 24, made a statement in the course of which he introduced oral amendments to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended, without a vote.

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to incorporate the adopted draft resolution on the question of Guam into the omnibus resolution contained in document A/53/23 (Part VI), chapter X.

Following their introduction by the Chairman, the Committee adopted the editorial changes to be made to the omnibus resolution, as well as to the draft resolution on Guam.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 18.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/53/136 and Add.1, A/53/259, A/53/260, A/53/264, A/53/660, A/53/661), as well as to a number of communications relating to the item.

The Chairman also drew attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20 relating to the item.

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/53/136).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Egypt, Bangladesh, Austria (also on behalf of the European Union, Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein), the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Oman.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.9 to L.15 relating to agenda item 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East).

The Chairman reminded members that the Committee would take action on all the draft resolutions relating to agenda items 83 and 84 at its meeting to be held the following day, 19 November, at 3 p.m.

Statements were made by the representatives of Oman and Indonesia.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 49th meeting

Note: The summary of the 49th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/224).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 29th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone [163]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Canada, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.14.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Pakistan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ireland, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia and Japan.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13(A/C.5/53/35)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13, an additional appropriation of $94,800 would be required under section 1A (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. This requirement would be considered in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1998-1999.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Uganda, Cuba, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Zambia, the Congo and Indonesia.

The representative of Poland aligned himself with the statement made by the representative of Austria, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Uganda, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada) and India.

Other matters

The representatives of Algeria drew the attention of the Committee to the budgetary aspects of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45 which were being considered by the Third Committee.

Following statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Cuba, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Uganda, Indonesia, Pakistan, Panama, Canada, Ecuador and India, the Committee, after a suspension of the meeting, agreed to entrust the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to address a letter to the President of the General Assembly on an urgent basis, expressing the concerns of the Committee, requesting him to draw the attention of the Chairmen of the Main Committees to Section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 and to subsequent relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 52/220, as well as to rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Monaco (17 November 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Panama (18 July 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

The third United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "The Future of Audio-visual Memory", organized by the Department of Public Information, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will open *today*, 19 November, at 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti, the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, will address the Forum. Mr. Conrad Black, Chairman, Telegraph Group Ltd., will be the keynote speaker.

Beginning at 10.30 a.m., representatives of the co-sponsoring organizations will make introductory statements. At 12 noon, a Film Directors' Roundtable will include a video appearance by Martin Scorsese and presentations by Gillian Armstrong, Olivier Assayas, Masato Harada, Sidney Lumet, Dariush Mehrjui and Giuseppe Tornatore. At 3 p.m., a panel on "A Century of Images

Which Have Moved the Soul" will be moderated by Bernard Rapp, France Télévision, followed by a panel on "The Controversy on Audio-visual Rights and Standards", moderated by Arnold Vahrenwaldk, European Consortium for Audio-visual Training.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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On Tuesday, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Also, on Tuesday, 24 November, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 3 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 19 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", *today*, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Africa Industrialization Day

(20 November 1998)

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 10 a.m.

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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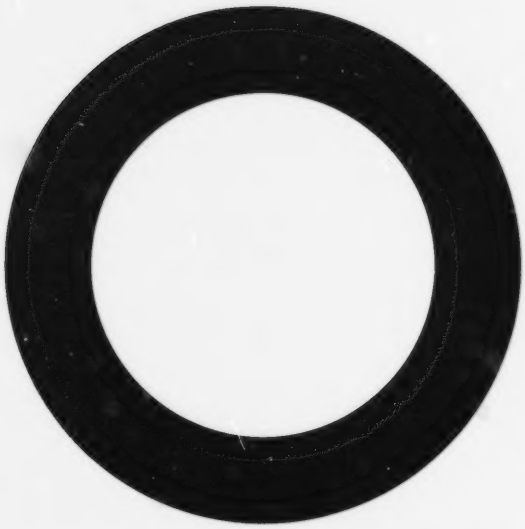

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 20 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 64th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/680) [163].

2. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16)

   (b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

3 p.m. 65th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16)

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.33 (International Conference on Population and Development) (item 93 (f)); A/C.2/53/L.19 (General Assembly special session on the Habitat Agenda) (item 93 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.32 (UNITAR) (item 96 (b))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

[Informal consultations to be announced]

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.37, L.57 and L.58

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.28, L.29/Rev.1, L.47 and L.63

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.65

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/53/L.64

6. Closure of the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822 and A/53/645)

   Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655)

   Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" (A/53/171 and A/53/670)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111] (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/513, A/52/867 and A/53/508)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and A/53/659)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009, A/53/7/Add.1, A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.1, A/C.5/53/30 and A/53/664))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board; Application of ICITO/GATT for withdrawal from UNJSPF

Draft report

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UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1392nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 20 November 1998

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordinating meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal briefing

In connection with the work of the Intergovernmental Forum of Forests (IFF), an informal briefing by the delegations of Costa Rica and Canada on their intersessional initiative in support of Category III of the programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum (International arrangements and mechanisms to promote management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests) will be held *today*, 20 November 1998, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 23 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 66th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/554);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38).

2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676*);

   (b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

3 p.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676*);

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

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* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the

Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work))* on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

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The Annual Meeting of the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations will be held on 24 and 25 November 1998. The Annual Meeting will open on Tuesday, 24 November, at 10.30 in the Deputy Secretary-General's Conference Room (room S-3858), and will continue at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. On Wednesday, 25 November, the meetings will be held at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal briefings

There will be a briefing on the informal consultations held on guidelines for sustainable consumption by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea will hold a briefing on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on Monday, 23 November 1998, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "*World Development Report 1998/99*: Knowledge for Development" on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

Organization of work

The Deputy to the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and China.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.53

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group and Yemen, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft proposals

A/C.3/53/L.39

The representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Belgium, Costa Rica, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Liechtenstein and Portugal, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.49

The representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bahamas, Belize, Croatia, Ghana, Honduras, Iraq, Luxembourg, Panama, Thailand and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Burundi, Djibouti, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.60

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Slovakia and Sweden, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Estonia and Pakistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Iceland, Israel and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote, after which a statement was made by the representative of Ukraine.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.54

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Israel and Malaysia joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement, after which the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Micronesia (Federated States of), the Sudan and Togo joined as sponsors of the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote, after which a statement was made by the representative of Singapore.

Implementation of the outcome of the fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.27

The Secretary read out a statement on programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 104.

Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft proposals

A/C.3/53/L.22/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement on programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution.

Israel, Monaco, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The representative of Cuba made a statement during the course of which he requested a separate vote on operative paragraph 26.

The representative of India made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representatives of Canada and the United States spoke on a point of order.

The Committee adopted operative paragraph 26 by a recorded vote of 93 to 7, with 38 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

A/C.3/53/L.23 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/53/L.62

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.3/53/L.62, containing programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark orally revised the draft resolution.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and France joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft proposals

A/C.3/53/L.33

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 104 to 44, with 10 abstentions.

The representatives of the Niger and San Marino made statements regarding their votes.

A/C.3/53/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Indonesia, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Benin, the Comoros, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, the Niger, Romania and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.50

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malawi, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft proposals

A/C.3/53/L.38

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representatives of El Salvador, Egypt, Pakistan, the Sudan, Fiji and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 63 to 35, with 60 abstentions.

The representatives of the Russian Federation and Brazil made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

A/C.3/53/L.43

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

Nicaragua joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Haiti made a statement.

A/C.3/53/L.51

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

New Zealand joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of France and Turkey.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a vote on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 115 to 3, with 34 abstentions.

The representatives of the Russian Federation, Peru and Venezuela made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

A statement was also made by the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

Thursday, 19 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3945th meeting

The situation in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of two draft resolutions, contained in documents S/1998/1090 and S/1998/1091, respectively, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the first draft resolution (S/1998/1090).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1090) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1208 (1998).

The Council also proceeded to the vote on the second draft resolution (S/1998/1091).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1091) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1209 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

62nd plenary meeting

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/53/219) [48]

The General Assembly took note of the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway, Croatia, Egypt, Lesotho, Turkey, Costa Rica, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 48.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/53/L.34) [37]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 37.

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.34.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.34 (resolution 53/28).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 37.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20 and A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, the United States, Brazil, Japan, Uruguay, Burkina Faso (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), Venezuela, Canada, Argentina, Spain and Colombia.

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/53/L.20 and A/53/L.22/Rev.2 would be taken at a later date to allow time for the review of their programme budget implications.

63rd plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16);

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Turkey, Brazil, Senegal, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Australia, Mexico, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Kyrgyzstan and Singapore.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 23rd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Senegal, Israel, Cuba, Ghana, the United States, Qatar, Jordan, Tunisia, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

24th meeting

Note: The summary of the 24th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/ 225).

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Addendum to the summary of the 22nd meeting of the Special Committee and Political and Decolonization Committee (*Journal* No. 1998/223, pp. 11-12): under item 18 (Question of Guam), the following text should be inserted as a sixth paragraph of the summary:

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a consolidated draft resolution which incorporated the draft resolution on Guam.

THIRD COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Note: The summary of the 50th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/ 225).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Pattern of Conferences [117] *(A/51/946, A/52/685 and A/53/ 669)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/669).

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative of Austria who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and China.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Note: The summary of the 34th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/ 225).

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1998

358th and 359th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the third periodic report of Tunisia (CAT/C/20/Add.7). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1998

360th meeting

The High Commissioner on Human Rights made a statement.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted conclusions and recommendations on Hungary and the United Kingdom.

361st (closed) meeting

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1998

33rd and 34th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Israel (E/1990/5/Add.30) and began its consideration of the third periodic of Cyprus (E/1998/104/Add.12). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government (Cyprus) and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1998

35th and 36th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Israel (E/1990/5/Add.30) in closed session.

It then continued, in public session, its consideration of the third periodic of Cyprus (E/1998/104/Add.12). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

The third United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "The Future of Audio-visual Memory", organized by the Department of Public Information, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will close *today*, 20 November 1998.

Beginning at 9.45 a.m., four panels will be held in the Economic and Social Council Chamber on the following themes: "Consumption and Abuse of Reality in the Multimedia Environment" (moderated by Danny Schecter, Globalvision); "The Convergence between Television and Internet" (moderated by Don West, Broadcasting & Cable Publishing Group); "The Impact of Digital Television", moderated by Elisabeth Guider, Variety); and "Bridging the Gap Among Continents" (moderated by Philippe Cayla, EUTELSAT).

At 5.35 p.m., the closing session will include a summary statement of the Forum delivered by Carlo Sartori, RAISAT, and statements by the Permanent Representatives of Italy and Japan to the United Nations. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, will make a concluding statement.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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On Tuesday, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Also, on Tuesday, 24 November, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 3 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

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Africa Industrialization Day

(20 November 1998)

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly *today*, 20 November 1998, at 10 a.m.

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 23 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1998/1064)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1998/1100 and S/1998/1104)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16/Rev.1)

   (b) Amendments (A/53/L.42).

(continued overleaf)

2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/554 and Corr.1 (English ony);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38).

3. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676);

   (b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

3 p.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676);

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 53rd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.58

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/53/L.64

3. Closure of the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822 and A/53/645 and Corr.1 (Arabic and English only))

   Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

   Conclusion of general discussion

   United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.20 (A/C.5/53/25 and Corr.1, A/53/32 and Corr.1 and A/53/674)

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.22/Rev.1 (A/C.5/53/33)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 165 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180))

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* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and A/53/659)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the assessment of the work of the Fifth Committee

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4 and A/C.5/53/27)) and item 121 (United Nations pension system (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/3, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511))

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* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

First performance report

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 23 November 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: organization of work)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Bali Declaration and Plan of Action on regional and sub-regional economic cooperation)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordinating meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing on the informal consultations held on guidelines for sustainable consumption by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 68th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [38]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/456);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38).

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

(il) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/473);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.45).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2
11.30 a.m.-12 noon	briefing	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its next formal meeting on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on the following draft resolutions: *A/C.2/53/L.39* (Public administration and development) (item 12); *A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1* (Action against corruption and bribery) (item 92 a)); *A/C.2/53/L.6 and L.41* (Industrial development cooperation) (item 92 (b)); *A/C.2/53/L.12 and L.40* (Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation) (item 93 (a)); *A/C.2/53/L.13* (Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy) (item 93 (b)); *A/C.2/53/L.19 and L.42* (Habitat II) (93 (c)); *A/C.2/53/L.33 and L.43* (Population and Development) (item 93 (f)); *A/C.2/53/L.35* (Cultural development) (item 93 (g)); and *A/C.2/53/L.32 and L.44* (UNITAR) (item 96 (b)).

Briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, on the outcome of the Fourth Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, recently held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 176th meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Annual Meeting of the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations will be held on 24 and 25 November 1998. The Annual Meeting will open on Tuesday, 24 November, at 10.30 in the Deputy Secretary-General's Conference Room (room S-3858), and will continue at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. On Wednesday, 25 November, the meetings will be held at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* will hold a meeting on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal briefing

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea will hold its briefing on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on *Tuesday, 24 November 1998*, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "*World Development Report 1998/99*: Knowledge for Development" on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel (organized by the delegation of Austria), and on the draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (organized by the delegation of Sweden) on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Friday, 27 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 24th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

A/C.4/53/L.9 to L.15

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.9.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.10.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.11 to L.15.

A/C.4/53/L.9

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.9 by a recorded vote of 122 to 1, with 1 abstention.

The representative of the Congo made a statement.

A/C.4/53/L.10

Australia became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.10 without a vote.

A/C.4/53/L.11

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.11 by a recorded vote of 122 to 2, with no abstentions.

The representative of the Congo made a statement.

A/C.4/53/L.12

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.12 by a recorded vote of 126 to none, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/53/L.13

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.13 by a recorded vote of 124 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/53/L.14

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.14 by a recorded vote of 123 to 2, with no abstentions.

Subsequently, the representative of Italy informed the Committee that his delegation had voted in favour of A/C.4/53/L.14 but was not reflected in the recorded vote.

A/C.4/53/L.15

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.15 by a recorded vote of 125 to 2, with 1 abstention.

Subsequently, the representative of the Republic of Moldova informed the Committee that, had his delegation been present, it would have voted in favour of draft resolutions A/ C.4/53/L.9 to L.15.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 83.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.16, L.17, L.18, L.19 and L.20. He introduced oral revisions to draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.16 and L.18 and made an editorial comment on the Spanish text of draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.20.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Côte d'Ivoire made editorial comments on the Arab and French texts of draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.20.

The representative of Cuba replied to a question posed to the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.18 and, in the course of his statement, introduced a further revision to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Oman and Egypt.

The representative Chile requested for a separate vote on the oral revision to draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.16, operative paragraph 4.

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to take action on draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.16 at a later stage of the meeting in order to allow the parties concerned to consult among themselves.

A/C.4/53/L.17

Bahrain became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.17, by a recorded vote of 127 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/53/L.18

Bahrain became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.18, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 127 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/53/L.19

Bahrain became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.19 by a recorded vote of 126 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

A/C.4/53/L.20

Bahrain and Pakistan became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.20 by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

A/C.4/53/L.16

Bahrain became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba introduced a further revision to A/C.4/53/L.16, operative paragraph 4.

Subsequently, the representative of Chile withdrew his request for a separate vote.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.16, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 72 to 2, with 55 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Conclusion of the Committee's work

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made the representatives of Australia (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Romania (on behalf of the Eastern European States), the Sudan (on behalf of the African States) and Ecuador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), as well as by the representative of Israel.

THIRD COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.57

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.58

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.28

The representative of Rwanda, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/53/L.29

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Monaco, New Zealand, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Italy and Liechtenstein joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Canada and Rwanda.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania orally revised the text of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Brazil orally revised the draft resolution.

Central African Republic, the Congo, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Swaziland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.39

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

France and Greece joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.41

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland orally revised the draft resolution.

Cape Verde, Malta and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

A/C.3/53/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Argentina, Australia, Germany and Canada.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Poland and the Republic of Korea joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Gambia withdrew from the list of co-sponsors.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, the United States, Canada and Japan.

A/C.3/53/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

New Zealand and the United Arab Emirates joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States.

After a suspension of the meeting, the representative of the United States further revised the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of India.

It was announced that a separate recorded vote was requested on Chapter III of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted Chapter III by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 17 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole by a recorded vote of 132 to none, with 20 abstentions.

The representatives of the Russian Federation and Croatia made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Report of the Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the Organization [154]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1

The Coordinator of the draft resolution (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote. The representatives of Ukraine and the Russian Federation made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.16

The Vice-Chairman (Lesotho) of the Committee made an oral amendment to draft resolution A/C.6/53/ L.16.

The representatives of Mexico, Côte d'Ivoire and France made statements in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.16, as orally amended, was adopted without a vote. The representatives of New Zealand, Portugal, the United States, Ireland, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Austria, Argentina, Venezuela, Greece, Costa Rica and the Netherlands made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [146]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17

The representative of Sweden introduced an oral amendment to draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17.

It was announced that Cameroon, Slovenia, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17, as orally amended, was adopted without a vote. The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Friday, 20 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

64th plenary meeting

Statements on the occasion of the ninth African Industrialization Day

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/680) [163]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/680) (resolution 53/29).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 163.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16);

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China, Malta, Botswana, Indonesia, Fiji, Spain, New Zealand, Canada, Kuwait, Germany, Malaysia, India, Colombia, Viet Nam and Ireland.

The representative of Belgium made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendments to draft resolution A/53/L.16 contained in document A/53/L.42.

The representative of Egypt orally revised draft resolution A/53/L.16.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Belgium and the United Kingdom.

65th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16);

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Ghana, Finland, Namibia, Venezuela, Lithuania, Swaziland, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Japan, Nigeria, Lebanon, Zimbabwe, the Republic of Korea, Argentina, the Philippines, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, San Marino, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, France, Tunisia and Kazakhstan.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 51st and 52nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 51st and 52nd meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/226).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 31st meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revolving Credit Fund

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report ot the Secretary-General on the Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/645).

Statements were made by the represenatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Pakistan, China, Uganda and Cuba.

Following a proposal by the representative of Uganda, statements were also made by the representatives of Australia, Egypt, Pakistan and Zambia.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions responded to questions posed.

Results-based budgeting

The Controller introduced the report ot the Secretary-General on results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/655).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Cyprus and Norway), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, the United States, Uganda, Pakistan and Algeria.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system"

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Mr. J. Fox, Inspector from the Joint Inspection Unit, introduced the report of the Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" (A/53/171).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/670).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway), Pakistan, Cuba and the United States.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic drew the attention of the Committee to an error in the translation of a word in the Arabic version of the report (A/53/171).

The Inspector from the Joint Inspector Unit responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit at this stage.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Tammam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Norway, Ghana, the Russian Federation, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

32nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/226).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

On Tuesday, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Also, on Tuesday, 24 November, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 3 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Oman
H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Emilio Izquierdo
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and Other States:
Australia
H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Middle East (S/1998/1073)

Rwanda (S/1998/1096)

Haiti (S/1998/1064)

Other matters

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

(S/1998/1100, S/1998/1104 and S/1998/1112)*

(S/1998/1106 and S/1998/1108)

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. **68th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [38]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/456);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.35).

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/473);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.45).

3 p.m. **69th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea [38]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/456);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.35).

(b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/473);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/53/L.45).

2. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676);

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m. 40th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39

2. Sectoral policy questions [92]

(a) Business and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.6 and L.41

3. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93]

   (a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.12 and L.40

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.19 and L.42

   (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.33 and L.43

   (g) Cultural development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.35

4. Training and research [96]

   (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.32 and L.44

5. Programme planning [114] (A/53/16, A/53/6, (Programmes 18, 20 and 28) and A/C.2/53/5)

11.30 a.m.-12 noon	briefing	Conference Room 2

[Briefing by Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, on the outcome of the Fourth Conference of Parties to the United Nations Frame-work Convention on Climate Change, recently held in Buenos Aires, Argentina]

12 noon-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica) , Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.8 (Triennial policy review) (item 95); A/C.2/53/L.10 (Conventions on environment and development) (item 94); A/C.2/53/L.15 (Small island developing States) (item 94 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.16 (Convention to Combat Desertification) (item 94 (e)); A/C.2/53/L.17 (Implementing conventions related to environment) (item 94); A/C.2/53/L.21 (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme) (item 94); A/C.2/63/L.25 (Commitments undertaken at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly) (item 94 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.27 (Eradication of poverty) (item 98); and A/C.2/93/L.29 (Convention on Biological Diversity) (item 94 (d))

3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.31 (Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)) (item 93 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.36 (Renewal of the dialogue) (item 93 (d)); and A/C.2/53/L.45 (Thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund) (item 93 (f))

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.2 (External debt) (item 91 (d)); A/C.2/53/L.4 (Financial crisis) (item 91 (b)); A/C.2/ 53/L.5 (Commodities) (item 91 (c)); A/C.2/53/L.20 (Globalization and interdependence) (item 91); A/C.2/53/L.26 (International trade and development) (item 91 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.34 (Landlocked States) (item 91 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.37 (Proclamation of international years) (item 12); and A/C.2/53/L.38 (International Year of Ecotourism) (item 12)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] (A52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] (A/52/520, A/52/

784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. United Nations pension system [121]

Application of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization/General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade for withdrawal from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/53/9/Add.1 and A/53/696)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11 and A/53/7/Add.6)); 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)); and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217, A/53/335 and Add.1, A/53/513, A/52/867 and A/53/508))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

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* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [155]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.20/Rev.1

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and the property [148]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.19/Rev.1

Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.9/Rev.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 200 2001
2. Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities i the programme budget and the use of the contingency fun
3. Executive session

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Workin Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 24 November 1998, at a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 24 November 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: organization of work)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on environment and sustainable development (A/C.2/53/L.17))

11 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77
(on environmental issues)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordinating meeting on all relevant draft resolutions of the Second Committee)

6.15 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	To be announced on the Board

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The Annual Meeting of the Council of Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations will open *today*, 24 November 1998, at 10.30 in the Deputy Secretary-General's Conference Room (room S-3858), and will continue at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. On Wednesday, 25 November, the meetings will be held at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel (organized by the delegation of Austria), and on the draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (organized by the delegation of Sweden) *today*, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 41 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina), organized by the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, *today*, 24 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be open-ended informal consultations, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, *today*, 24 November 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General on "Arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system" (A/53/170). All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "*World Development Report 1998/99*: Knowledge for Development" *today*, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea will hold its briefing on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) *today*, 24 November 1998, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) will be held *today*, 24 November 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 25 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [32]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/488);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.41).
2. Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/170) [58]*.
3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [60]*.

* Items 58 and 60 will be considered together.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Working Group on the Optional Protocol will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal consultations

H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) will coordinate informal consultations on the adoption of the draft Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace (agenda item 31) on Friday, 27 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 20 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 51st meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (also on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Benin, China, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Myanmar, the Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam), the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Saudi Arabia.

Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.58

At the request of the representative of South Africa, the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.28 and L.29/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolutions contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out revisions agreed to at informal consultations.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.29/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.29/Rev.1, the representative of Rwanda, on behalf of the sponsors, announced that A/C.3/53/L.28 was withdrawn.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

A/C.53/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Italy made a correction to the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Pakistan.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Afghanistan.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45

The Secretary read out a statement on programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of South Africa orally revised the draft resolution.

Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Mongolia, Morocco, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, the United States, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Algeria.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Canada, Australia, the United States, Senegal and Cuba.

52nd meeting

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.47

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Austria orally revised the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Liechtenstein and Poland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The representatives of the United States and Canada withdrew from the list as sponsors.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan and Malaysia.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller and Director of the Division of Financial Management Services of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made statements.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Mr. V.K. Shunglu (India), Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe) on Tuesday, 24 November, in the afternoon.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] *(A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item,

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/12 and A/C.5/53/13).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/651).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on the same day, at 6 p.m.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31

December 1994 [137] *(A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and A/53/659)*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/14 and A/C.5/53/15).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/659).

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on the same day, at 6 p.m.

Other matters

The representative of Costa Rica referred to a number of security matters.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic drew attention to delays in the issuance in all languages of documentation for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee). At his request, and with the agreement of the Committee, the Chairman stated that he would bring the matter to the attention of the relevant units in the Secretariat.

The representative of Uganda requested information concerning document A/53/682.

The representative of Morocco, as well as the Chairman, made statements concerning document A/53/662, which would be reissued once translated into all languages in its entirety.

Monday, 23 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

66th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.16/Rev.1)

(b) Amendments (A/53/L.42)

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Bahrain, Italy, Cameroon, Uganda and the United States.

The President made a statement in the course of which he informed the General Assembly that, as a result of the consultations held on agenda item 59, he had submitted a consensus text which was being circulated in the General Assembly Hall as draft resolution A/53/L.46. He further informed the Assembly that draft resolution A/53/L.16/Rev.1 had been withdrawn by its co-sponsors and that therefore the amendments to draft resolution A/53/L.16/Rev.1 contained in document A/53/L.42 had also been withdrawn by their co-sponsors.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.46 (resolution 53/30).

The President informed the Assembly that he would convene a meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council in order to proceed to the nomination of the two Vice-Chairmen and that he would propose at that meeting the candidatures of H. E. Mr. John de Saram, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Hans Dahlgren, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, for the two posts.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 59.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/554 and Corr.1 (English only)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38)

The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/53/L.38.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland,

Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Mali, Mongolia, Liechtenstein and Nicaragua.

67th plenary meeting

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/554 and Corr.1 (English only));

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.38)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 33.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Bangladesh, Senegal, Benin, Burkina Faso, Germany, the Philippines, Ukraine, the United States, Italy, the Republic of Moldova, Swaziland, Hungary, Belarus and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.38 (resolution 53/31).

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/463, A/53/676);

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General (A/52/849, A/52/850, A/52/851, Corr.1 (English only) and Add.1))

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 30.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 and China), Canada, Croatia, India, Kenya, Japan and Norway.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/227).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822 and A/53/645 and Corr.1 (Arabic and English only))

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on a revolving credit fund, contained in document A/52/822, and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, contained in document A/53/645 and decides to resume consideration of the question of the revolving credit fund at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.20 (A/C.5/53/25 and Corr.1, A/53/32 and Corr.1)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/674).

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Cuba and Mexico (on behalf of Colombia, Spain, the United States, Norway, Venezuela and Mexico).

The Chief of the Political, Legal, and Common Services Service of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the performance report of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala for the period 1 January to 31 December 1998 and, should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.20, an additional appropriation of $22,640,800 would be required under section 3 (Peacekeeping operations and special missions) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of $2,465,700 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). These requirements would be considered in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.22/Rev.2 (A/53/33)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.22/Rev.2, an additional appropriation of $184,300 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of $34,800 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). These requirements would be considered in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655)

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Chile, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Chief of the Political, Legal, and Common Services Service of the Programme Planning Budget Division responded to questions posed.

Following a proposal by the Chairman to refer the question to informal consultations, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Algeria, New Zealand, Cuba and Uganda.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

The Chief of the Economic, Social and Human Rights Service of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised at the Committee's 28th meeting held on 16 November 1998.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Reports on United Nations publications (A/51/946, A/52/685 and A/53/669)

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

34th meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135] *(A52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)*

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137] *(A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Uganda, the United States and Cuba.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1998

362nd meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

363rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item by adopting conclusions and recommendations on Tunisia.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared closed the twenty-first session of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 1998

37th and 38th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Switzerland (E/1990/5/Add.33). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 1998

39th and 40th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Switzerland (E/1990/5/Add.33) and began its consideration of the third periodic of Germany (E/1998/104/Add.14). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government (Germany) and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of These Prescriptions. Geneva, 20 March 1958

Accession: Latvia (19 November 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Uruguay (23 November 1998)

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Uzbekistan (20 November 1998)

Signature: Czech Republic (23 November 1998)

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Nicaragua (18 June 1998)

Signature: Senegal (20 November 1998)

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Signature: Belgium (25 June 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Signature: Belgium (24 June 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Signature: Belgium (24 June 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

Today, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Today, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will also open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 4 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 24 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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